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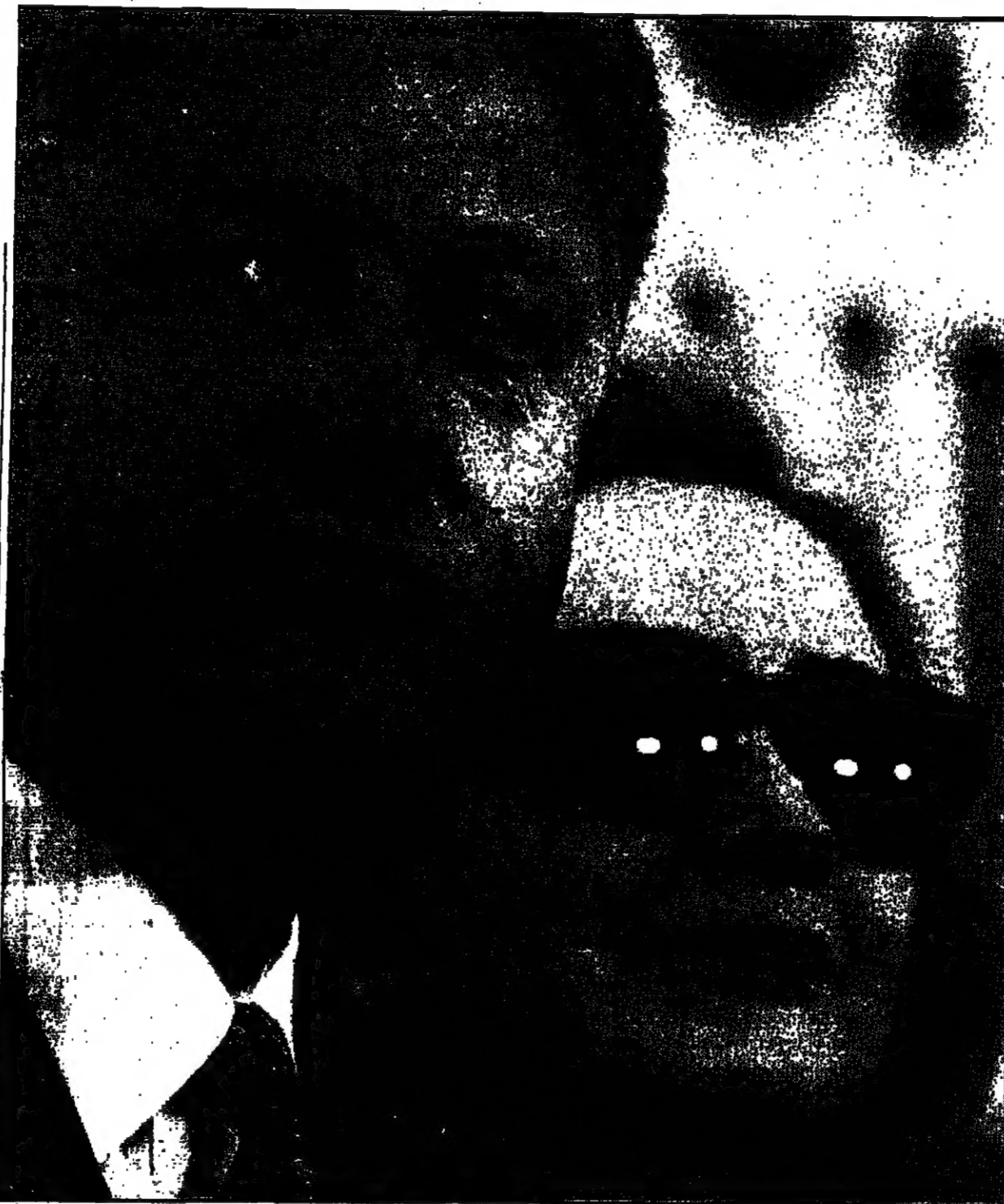
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Bill and Hillary Clinton at a campaign rally in San Antonio, Texas, at the weekend

lead has shrunk as undecided voters have made up their minds. States which appeared secure, such as Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky and Florida, are now almost even...

"The turnout is going to be the key to this thing," he said. "And that puts me in a box, because the one way I can do that is to make personal visits to these states..."

Dorrell goes to the wire to raise NHS spending

Michael White Political Editor

JOHN Major was last night struggling to broker a public expenditure compromise between his Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, and Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary...



ter for the health service since 1987, Mr Dorrell's hopes of extracting the extra money he seeks — nearly £1 billion on top of 2.5 per cent inflation for the £34 billion a year NHS — can only be at the expense of key colleagues under the spending rules operated by the cabinet's EDX committee since 1993.

In Wednesday's paper, The Guardian's unrivalled US team of Martin Walker, Jonathan Freedland and Gary Young will provide the best up-to-the-minute reaction, analysis and interpretation of the presidential poll as the results roll in.

Murdoch 'closer to tapping into BT network'

Nicholas Bannister and Mark Tran THE PROSPECT OF Rupert Murdoch broadcasting television programmes over British Telecom's phone network moved a step closer yesterday as the UK telecom group announced a £12 billion bid for control of MCI, its US partner.

BT's ambitious move to merge with MCI to create a global telecom group called Concert is successful, BT will end up owning a direct stake in MCI Murdoch's empire.

News Corporation and was receiving excellent dividends. But the BT chief executive, Sir Peter Bonfield, was more circumspect. He said that while Mr Murdoch sat next to him on the MCI board, he would not be offered a seat on the board of Concert, as the merged BT/MCI is to be called.

already own for about £12 billion in what will be Britain's largest and the world's second-largest takeover. The deal has to be approved by regulatory authorities in the United States, the UK and Europe. But BT's shareholders are to get a £2.3 billion sweetener in the form of a special dividend of 35p a share, whether the deal goes through or not.

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Candidates on the campaign trail are putting in a final surge for tomorrow's finish

Dole's last roll of the dice

Jonathan Freedland in Las Vegas finds the Marathon Man holding up better than his flagging entourage and still with his eyes on a lucky break



LAS VEGAS is loud and tacky. Bob Dole is awkward and reserved. But in the early hours of yesterday morning, the two were a perfect match.

The last-chance candidate was in the city of last chances for one more leg in the 96-hour non-stop campaigning he began on Friday and will halt only at noon tomorrow, when the United States ends the madness and votes.

Mr Dole swept into town at 2am, dragging behind him an entourage exhausted by 41 hours on the road with just 40 minutes in a hotel for a shower and catnap. Mr Dole had sketched out the imagery in advance. He was to be the gambler in Las Vegas "roll the dice, one more time".

A crowd of gamblers had jammed into the ballroom of the MGM Grand Hotel & Casino — with a giant lion's mouth for an entrance — to cross their fingers and will him on. In this last surge, Mr Dole has become one of their own, a believer in the gambler's creed that all it takes to end a losing streak is one lucky break.

But Vegas is also the US boxing capital. The stage was done up as a pseudo-ring with gloves marked Dole and Kemp hanging from the corners.

The Rocky theme blasted on the sound system, and the 73-year-old challenger was introduced as "The Main Event, fighting out of Russell, Kansas, at 6ft 1 and 175lb, with a reach across the entire nation and known for finishing strong in the final rounds — Ladies and Gentlemen, Battling Bob Dole!"

With the candidate on stage, the flag-wavers watched with extra intensity, to see how the self-inflicted endurance test had affected the candidate. Would his speech slur? Would he fall over? A perverse sport has developed, akin to the marathon dance contests immortalised in *They Shoot Horses, Don't They?* People want to see if Mr Dole can survive.

He makes the odd slip, referring to Germany when he means Italy, and he showed signs of wear in Kentucky when he surrendered the microphone after just five minutes. His voice is thick and hoarse, like a man who has just been woken up.

But he looks and sounds better than everyone else. He is tanned, while his daughter Robin has a red nose and the pallor of someone coming down with a cold. Even his wife Elizabeth is ruffled, her hair reduced to half its usual bulk. The hacks following Mr Dole are in rough shape: their hair matted, their tempers frayed.

Still, after months of his being ignored, Mr Dole's submission to the campaign equivalent of a hunger strike has worked. People are paying attention. Admittedly, when he pitched up in New Jersey at 4.30am and tried to speak to truckers on CB radio, no one responded. But for the first time, Mr Dole made the television news, and Bill Clinton comes second.

Mr Dole's stump speech is funny and hard-hitting. If not exactly visionary, he wants to cut taxes by 15 per cent because "It's Your Money". He wants a \$500-a-child tax credit. "If you've got two kids, that's \$1,000. If you've got three kids, that's \$1,500. If you've got 10 — you're probably too busy to fill in your tax returns."

He rails against Mr Clinton's ethical conduct. It is not great oratory, but Mr Dole no longer sounds as if he is reading someone else's words.

The crowds are getting bigger, too. "We can feel the momentum building," he told the casino faithful. But the same happened in the last days of the 1988 campaign of the Democrat Michael Dukakis, who was crushed on election day — as polls predict Mr Dole will be tomorrow.

They say vines fruit most abundantly when about to die. Perhaps nature is allowing Mr Dole one last flourish, before it's all over.



Bob Dole mirrors the gesture of Uncle Sam at a weekend rally in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. PHOTOGRAPH: JIM BOURG

Clinton fights Alamo again

The staging was breathtaking, and so was the president's nerve. **Martin Walker, in San Antonio, Texas,** on the wooing of the Hispanics



STANDING before the restored gates of the Alamo, on the spot where General Santa Ana had ordered the last assault on the little fortified mission that barred the Mexican invasion of Texas. Bill Clinton found the perfect stage and prop for "the last weekend of my last campaign".

It should have been Bob Dole's place and Bob Dole's day. There could have been no more symbolic spot for the Republican campaigner than the Alamo, a shrine dedicated to history's brave losers, who fought to the end against long odds.

But Mr Clinton got there first. And as the sun blazed, the music from *The Magnificent Seven* blared out as the president and the first lady appeared hand in hand, climbing the steps to the podium, the hazy slopes of the most famous fortress in American history glowing eloquently behind them.

It was a moment of breathtaking staging. And with equally breathtaking nerve, Mr Clinton claimed the courage of the Alamo's massacred defenders as his inspiration for vetoing the Republican budget bill last December, the event that closed down the federal government in the great stand-off between president and congress.

"When they shut the government down, I thought about the Alamo. They said the president will cave," he told the pecked and cheering crowds in the old mission grounds. "They said the president will blink. And I said I'd a lot rather see the American people hurt for two or three weeks than 20 or 30 years. Shut her down. I'm not gonna buy your budget."

The Alamo was his lodestar for "the new politics of common ground" and of racial tolerance.

"The Alamo is not just a place of great personal courage. It is a place of a great stand-off between two

nations, and the story of the Alamo over the last 180 years is the story of reconciliation between two great nations and two great peoples."

He tap-danced through history to claim the legendary mantle of the Alamo's defenders, to claim Texan ancestry for himself, and a Texas heritage for his policies.

"We represent people who believe that by working together and helping each other, we can all do better."

His plundering of the Alamo metaphor was as relentless as it was unscrupulous. It was deployed even to explain his foreign policy as the peace-maker.

"Think of the Alamo, folks. Think of Bosnia. Think of Northern Ireland. Think of the Middle East. Think of all those tribal wars going on in Africa. The great thing about this country is that in our best moments, we say that our differences don't matter as much as our shared values."

The one note of justice in Mr Clinton's Alamo appeal was that Texas is one of the handful of states where he is still the underdog. He is outnumbered in a state which voted for George Bush four years ago, where he was 30 points behind the Republican candidate only six months ago, and where he is now running almost even with Mr Dole.

The Texas Democratic chairman, Bill White, said: "If we can turn out the Hispanic vote, we'll win. There were 2.5 million Hispanic voters four years ago, and 4 million this year thanks to the naturalisation programmes. Our polls show them 88 per cent for Clinton."

This is where the Alamo metaphor gets tricky. For Hispanics, the Alamo is the shrine to a lone victory in a string of defeats and dispossession. Mr Clinton's chances in Texas will depend on whether they are persuaded that the big gringo is offering them a place in his victory, and a share in its spoils.

Family life 'being blighted' by fathers' longer hours in the office. **David Brindle** reports

Mythical 'new man' hard at work

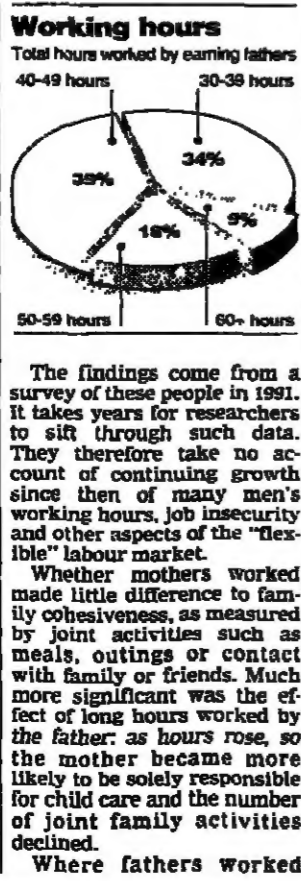
THE cult of the "new man" is today exposed as a myth by research showing that middle-class fathers say they are doing more at home, but are actually doing less.

Fathers' increasingly long working hours — rather than the rise of the "working mother" — is the main cause of the blight on 1990s family life, the study suggests.

More than one in four earning fathers is putting in more than 50 hours a week at work and almost one in 10 more than 60. Such men are markedly less likely to help with child care, or take part in family activities.

However, the study of some 6,000 parents aged 33 shows that the below-average family contribution of middle-class men cannot be explained purely by length of working hours. Irrespective of hours worked, the report says, "the most highly-educated men, particularly graduates, played relatively little part in the care of their children."

The research, funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, was carried out by Eliza Ferri and Kate Smith of the social statistics research unit at City University, London. It was based on the National Child Development Study, which is tracking all people born in one week in 1958.



fewer than 40 hours a week, more than two-thirds had a family meal at least daily. Where they worked 50 hours, or more, fewer than half did so.

As well as long hours, unsocial hours were common among fathers: two thirds worked in the evening six in 10 at weekends and almost a third between 10pm and 4am. Ms Ferri said: "Greater job insecurity, more casual employment and pressure to work long hours have been antipathetic to family life and this underlines the need for employment policies that help parents to cope."

The survey asked couples how happy they were with their relationship and found that "traditional" families, where the father alone worked, were the most contented. But the difference between them and dual-earner couples was "not very large".

The report, *Parenting in the 1990s*, speculates that, at the age of 33, middle-class fathers are concentrating on career development at the expense of family life. It notes, though, that shared parenting emerged as most common among couples both in full-time work, a group where qualifications and occupational class were highest.

"These apparently conflicting patterns would seem to

point to particular tensions for such parents in reconciling the responsibilities of employment and family life," says the report, published by the Family Policy Studies Centre.

Parenting in the 1990s; FPSC, 231 Baker Street, London NW1 6XE; £11 (inc p&p). Free summary from JFF, The Homestead, 40 Water End, York YO3 6LP.

Is the family alive and well?
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Chemistry gives electric charge

Review
Andrew Clements
Riccardo Chailly's Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra in Amsterdam

IT IS 16 years since Riccardo Chailly last conducted the London Symphony Orchestra. In that time the LSO has had three principal conductors, and Chailly's spiralling career has taken him to one of the most prestigious jobs, Chief Conductor of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra in Amsterdam. They were reunited for a short tour of Spain and for two concerts in the Barbican last week.

They were both exceptional, electric occasions, thanks to the chemistry between this fine, responsive orchestra and a conductor who knows exactly what he wants. Chailly seems to grow in stature with every performance. His remarkable musicianship is combined with a mind constantly on the lookout for ways of refreshing the orchestral repertory.

That was amply demonstrated in the first of his two concerts, in the performing version by Deryck Cooke. Most European conductors shun Cooke's punctiliously faithful version, preferring to play rather than sumptuous weight of tone — but the Wagner was overwhelming.

It was conducted with high drama and passionate extremes, brilliant orchestral playing and performances from Wolfgang Schmidt and Gudjon Oskarsson as Siegmund and Hunding that were robust and highly effective, and a Sieglinde from Katarina Delavman that was deeply affecting. When she sings the role in the theatre it should be well worth hearing, and when Chailly gets round to conducting the whole opera, and the whole Ring, attendance will be compulsory.

which Mahler seems to look back to his early symphonies with nostalgia.

It was all magnificently sustained, right through to the pleadings of the final bars: there wasn't a moment when the score's claim to a regular place in the Mahler canon could have been doubted. Chailly had dedicated the concert to the memory of the composer Bernhard Goldschmidt, who conducted the first performance of Cooke's score in 1964, and who died two weeks ago.

Dorrell goes to the wire to increase spending on the NHS

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Some Tories last night said success for Mr Dorrell could only be at the expense of the education budget, much of it delivered via the local government grant settlement announced by John Gummer's environment department. But others were adamant that this would prove as short-sighted

as it did last year when town halls successfully blamed ministers for teacher shortages.

This year the annual spending round between the Treasury and the major departments has been quiet as well as late, pointing to tense battles between ministers who know that error could

finally kill their election hopes. While Mr Clarke needs spending cuts to finance tax cuts he is more aware than most ministers that they will not succeed if key public services are badly cut this winter.

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Dress code amendment to spark up image and respect

MP aims to root out teacher 'scruffs'

'Armani is in small print on my spectacles, but the pupils notice it'

Robert Walker, Age: 36. Post: art teacher at Bradford Grammar School. Dress: green frock-style coat, matching waistcoat and trousers. Liberty floral tie, brown brogues, pocket watch and chain, Armani spectacles, gown (at assembly and when on 'duty week').

'I HAVE strong opinions about what teachers should wear. Our clothes should be very formal and smart. All the staff at BGS are required to be smart and if we're not, you can be sure that we're told.'

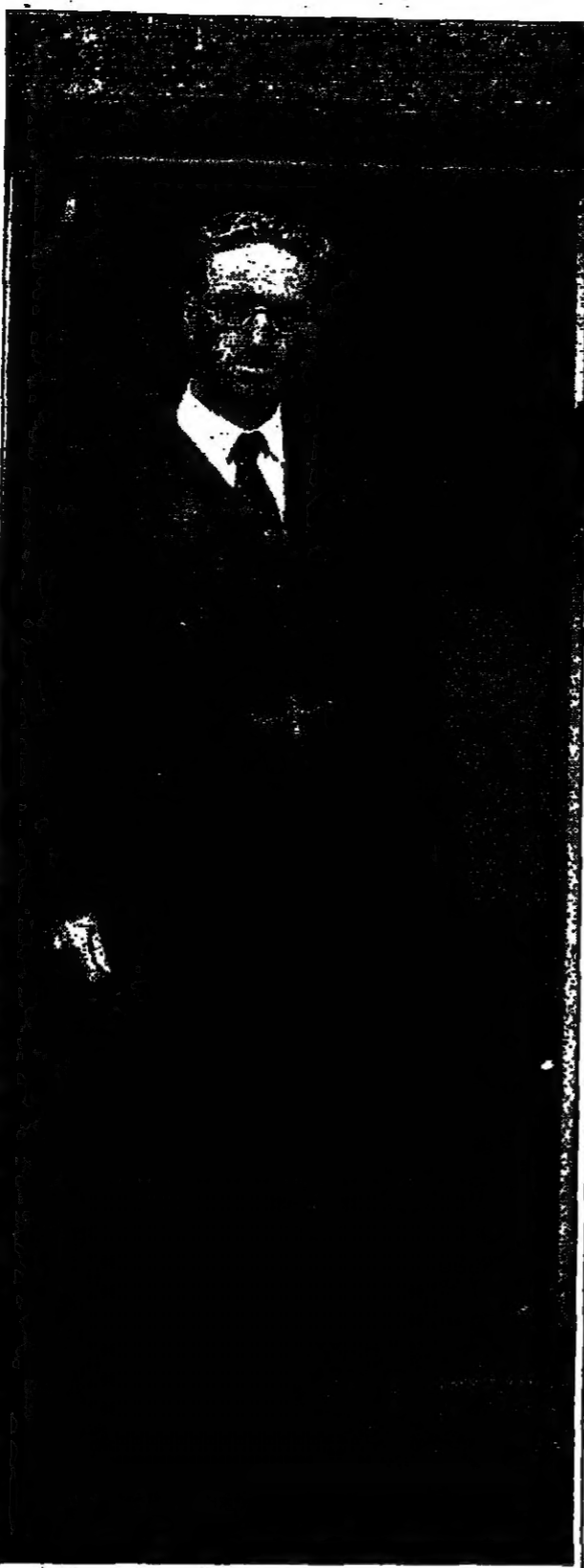
'I was talking about this subject only this morning to a neighbour in Beamsley village, who'd seen a TV report with teachers in jeans coming out of the school where this lad's caused all the trouble. We were speculating about whether the two things might connect.'

'Before BGS, I taught for nine years in the state sector, dressing as I do now, and I am convinced that smartness involves a discipline which then extends into academic work. I don't feel happy without a shirt and tie and haven't since I was in my teens. But I hope that the particular way I dress also encourages the pupils to realise that your individuality can come across in the clothes you wear.'

'It gives them something to look at and think about - and remember, lessons last 40 minutes and teachers are very observant. The word "Armani" is only written in very small print on my spectacles, but the pupils notice and think he takes trouble about his appearance. Teachers don't have to have corduroy trousers, leather elbow-pads and Morris Minor.'

'It may sound contradictory but I believe in uniform for the pupils, until they are old enough to handle more freedom. It is a shame when young people slavishly follow fashion under the impression that they are being daring or different. In fact they're victims of the sheep mentality.'

Martin Walker



Robert Walker... smart, disciplined PHOTOGRAPH: STEVE FOWSETT

'If teachers want to be treated like professionals, they should dress like professionals. Only that way will they get respect.'

David Shaw, Tory MP for Dover

John Curvel Education Editor

GILLIAN Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, tried yesterday to calm hysteria on the Conservative back benches about a moral breakdown in schools when she refused to back a demand for legislation to abolish scruffy teachers.

David Shaw, the Tory MP for Dover, said he would table an amendment to the Education Bill requiring governors of the 26,000 state schools to lay down a dress code for their staff to ban "unprofessional" items such as jeans and earrings.

Amid continuing concern about the closure of schools in Halifax and Woking last week because of indiscipline, the proposal was understood to have the support of a group of former ministers including John Redwood, who last year challenged John Major for the party leadership.

Mr Shaw said his amendment would banish the image of the sloppily-dressed teacher. "If teachers want to be treated like professionals - as they always say they do - then they should dress like professionals. Only that way will they get the respect of the children, of parents and of the public."

However, Mrs Shephard - who wears earrings but not jeans in the Commons - said the Government would not support the amendment because "the issues were best dealt with locally rather than at the national level."

"Teachers are important role models in the way they dress and behave. Head teachers and governors are best placed to ensure that these matters are addressed appropriately at local level," she said.

"National prescription should not be necessary. Head teachers in particular should already ensure that their staff command respect. That is one of the reasons I have placed so much emphasis on the

vital role of the head teacher and why we are improving their training.

David Blunkett, the shadow education secretary, supported the idea of dress codes for staff and pupils, but did not believe legislation was necessary.

"This is a matter for the head in leading and managing the school. Frankly it would be daft to engage in legislation in Parliament," he said on BBC television's Breakfast with Frost programme.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said legislation would be totalitarian and cause chaos.

"Frankly, it would be insulting and patronising to the majority of teachers who are well turned out." He criticised politicians for diverting the debate about school discipline into trivialities.

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said teachers dressed according to the type of lesson. "A suit and tie would not be appropriate for working with messy machinery, nor would a twinstet and pearls on the hockey field."

The real issue was about children who should be removed from mainstream to special schools where they could receive the education they needed. "It is the closure of these schools which needs to be challenged, and the integration into mainstream schools of children with serious behavioural problems, not the dress sense of teachers," Mr de Gruchy said.

John Sutton, general secretary of the Secondary Heads Association, said most teachers dressed smartly and set a good example to their pupils. "Governing bodies as employers have the right to set standards of dress and appearance for teachers as do all employers. There is therefore no need for a new law."

"Those making this suggestion clearly have a folk memory of the mid-1980s when a minority of teachers leading protests created a poor image for the profession."



Carol Leonard... modest, practical PHOTOGRAPH: KIPPA MATTHEWS

'Putting us all in suits is not going to solve problem of discipline'

Carol Leonard, Age: 42. Post: deputy head teacher, Edmund Waller primary school, south London. Dress: V-neck mohair jumper, black T-shirt, black knee-length skirt, buckled shoes, silver hoop earrings.

"THERE is a baseline: you must wear something modest. It's also got to be practical. I teach at primary school, where teachers spend a lot of time crawling around on the floor painting huge pictures, so it's got to be decent. A nice suit is not going to be appropriate. We all teach PE at primary school. You can't wear a tight skirt if you're going to be running around in the playground. You need a tracksuit, or leggings, and trainers."

"I wear a baggy jumper and leggings, or a big jumper and skirt. You can't wear high heels: schools have lots of stairs and different levels and you have to do playground duty."

"Children are affected by the quality of your teaching. They are very switched on about that, much more than about what you are wearing. But I can see that parents' confidence in you can be increased by what you are wearing. If I were going to a governors' meeting to talk, I'd wear something that would make me feel confident."

"Children need a distance between them and the teacher: we are educators. We're not their aunts or their big brothers. If I thought a code of dress would help create and maintain that distance, I would be willing to consider it."

"If teachers need make-up to feel confident - because a lot of teaching is about acting, about presenting yourself - then I'm not going to object to it. If it's make-up more appropriate to going to a rave, we have to ask what signals we're sending. "Putting us all in suits is not going to solve discipline problems, but dress might be one of the things to consider."

Clare Longrigg

'The pupils love somebody who's a bit stylish'

Claire Thom (left). Age: early 40s. Post: principal teacher of guidance (personal and social education) and teacher of science/biology at Newbattle High School, Midlothian. Dress: flat shoes, ankle-length cotton skirt, cotton top with gold brooch, pendant silver earrings.

"THIS is what I had on last Monday. I prefer flat shoes because they're easier to walk in, and anyway high heels are a bit passé. Long skirts suit me. I have nothing against short hem-

lines which can be OK on the right person. Similarly, I have a colleague who looks great in trousers, though they are definitely not me. I would never wear a low-cut top because if you are bending over boys doing their marking they'd be trying to look down your cleavage.

"I'm fond of jewellery. My pupils like this brooch and another pair of earrings which I have in the shape of little birds. Pupils generally take a great interest in what their teachers wear. They love somebody who's a bit different and stylish but they are

also very straitlaced and can quickly identify anyone wearing clothes which aren't appropriate. It's also lovely for the other teachers to see personalities in the staff room, as this is the sort of job that really grinds you down. "I broadly agree with the notion that dressing smartly can help a teacher. As you are a figure that has to be respected it is important that you don't wear anything that could cause you to be ridiculed. However, I don't think you gain or lose authority solely by your appearance."

Brend Clouston

MP's death cuts Tory majority

Michael White Political Editor

THE Government's Commons majority was reduced to one yesterday after the combative MP, Barry Porter, lost a two-month battle against cancer and died aged 57.

As John Major led tributes for 18 years had been cheerfully outspoken on sensitive issues like Northern Ireland and Margaret Thatcher's retirement plans, party managers admitted privately they are all but certain to lose the resulting by-election.

It will be delayed, probably to February, weeks before a likely general election, but cannot be put off any later. Mr Porter, the MP for Wirral South, had a majority of 8,188 in 1992.

Though Mr Porter proved a Heseltine supporter in 1990, Mr Major said yesterday: "Barry's generous heart and good humour will be much missed at Westminster and in the Wirral. He served both his constituents and country well. The speed of his illness has been a shock... Our thoughts are with his family."

Labour, who lost Barnsley East's Terry Patchett last month, is likely to trigger that by-election before Christmas, well within the informal three-month rule, for the practical reason that it is a safe seat and Tony Blair might need the new MP if the Government collapses.

towards the kind of no confidence vote Mrs Thatcher won - by one vote - in 1978.

When Barnsley's new member arrives, Mr Major's overall majority, which was 28 in 1992, will be 27. It has been whittled away by deaths, resignations and three defections. But in practice the Government has a majority of nearly 50 over Labour and knows the Ulster Unionists are unlikely to ally with Mr Blair on most issues.

Mr Porter, a waspish Merseysider who became a solicitor and had five children, was a controversial rightwing Tory MP with outspoken pro-Unionist views on Northern Ireland, unafraid to attack what he saw as terrorist cowards or the bias of Tory ministers towards Dublin. He once received a letter bomb.

He could be openly critical of Margaret Thatcher. He took the public view towards the end of her premiership that she had been in power for too long and - in May 1990 - said she should resign "for her own good" while she still had a great reputation.

On TV, Mr Porter said: "I would like to say to the Prime Minister, 'Thank you, goodbye, enjoy yourself.' This, coupled with his undoubted support for Michael Heseltine - then leashed by loyalists as a renegade - for the leader, almost cost Mr Porter his seat. Efforts were made to deselect him, which Mr Major helped prevent.

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Olympus snaps up cut-price duchess

Clare Longrigg

THE Duchess of York has stepped into supermodel Naomi Campbell's shoes as a cut-price stand-in for an advertisement for Olympus cameras.

The unlikely substitution reportedly came after negotiations between Olympus and Ms Campbell broke down. The duchess is said to have received £20,000 for the poster campaign, which shows her in what looks like her dressing gown, snapping the Statue of Liberty from a yacht.

"We would have had to pay Naomi Campbell a lot more than £20,000," said Gunther Vetter, of Olympus's Austrian division. "The duchess originally wanted more too."

The advertisement is accompanied by a jokey catchline - of which the duchess was previously unaware - referring to her

alleged liaison with tennis player Thomas Muster.

The duchess had played a straight campaign starring Ms Campbell. The duchess may not have been the obvious next best choice - she has been slumped over her dress seams and mocked for being overweight. Nonetheless, this is a coup for Olympus, which has made the first advertisement featuring a British royal, and secured the duchess's services relatively cheaply.

Top models tend to make most of their money from advertising, at rates reaching tens of thousands of pounds. Supermodel Christy Turlington once said: "We completely reinvigorated the whole money thing - we make a ridiculous amount."

Ms Turlington recently signed up to advertise Maybelline products for £3.3 million, in a deal involving two weeks' work a year over four years - a rate of around £60,000 a day.

Another supermodel, Linda Evangelista, claimed she "wouldn't get out of bed" for less than £10,000. Sporting stars also net huge profits from advertising. Paul Gascoigne signed a £1.5 million deal to wear Adidas boots for five years. Magazines carrying the Olympus advertisement will appear in mainland Europe but not in Britain in a deal designed to save the embarrassment of the duchess's former in-laws.



The duchess as she appears in the Olympus advert

Advertisement for American Express Charge Card. Features a large graphic of a card and the text: 'Besides the American Express Card, what else gets replaced? Plenty. When you carry the American Express Charge Card, you take with you the knowledge that you have coverage for some very important things. Such as compensation for lost or delayed baggage. Coverage for the cost of food and accommodation incurred for scheduled flights that get delayed for four hours or more. 1,700 Travel Service locations worldwide ready to help you with advice and arrangements. Our Global Assist service, which can refer you to an English-speaking doctor or lawyer virtually anywhere in the world, twenty-four hours a day. All these, and many more, designed to replace concern with confidence. To find out how we can help you do more, call now: 0800 700 767. Cards'.

Winners



Men Behaving Badly, above, Pride and Prejudice, left, and Desmond Lynam



Viewers spurn TV's golden age in poll of small screen classics as the BBC fetes its 60th birthday

Andrew Culf on a night of surprises

VIEWERS last night snubbed the golden age of television and voted for modern day favourites in a national poll to mark the BBC's 60th anniversary.

Names from television history, such as Richard Dimbleby, lost out to Desmond Lynam in the favourite presenter category.

Viewers chose last year's adaptation of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* in preference to classic serials including *The Forsyte*

night, was organised to celebrate 60 years of British television. Viewers were invited to vote by telephone in 11 categories, choosing from shortlists drawn up by television writers and senior industry figures.

Losers



Steptoe and Son, above, Pennies From Heaven, left, and Richard Dimbleby



BBC executives, battling to convince the Government of the case for an above-inflation increase in the licence fee.

The comedy partnership of *Morecambe and Wise*, which ended with Eric Morecambe's death in 1984, did, however, receive two awards.

The programme — which attracted 20 million-plus audiences for its Christmas specials in the 1970s — was voted favourite light entertainment series. The pair were also favourite light entertainment performers.

- Favourite situation comedy performer**
 Winner: David Jason
 Losers: John Cleese, Tony Hancock, Arthur Lowe, Eric Sykes
- Favourite comedy performer**
 Winner: Victoria Wood
 Losers: John Cleese, Peter Cook and Dudley Moore, Spike Milligan
- Favourite light entertainment series**
 Winner: *Morecambe and Wise*
 Losers: *Dave Allen at Large*, *Mike Yarwood in Parsons*
- Favourite actor**
 Winner: Colin Firth
 Losers: Alan Bates, Alec Guinness, Robert Hardy, Derek Jacobi
- Favourite drama serial**
 Winner: *Pride and Prejudice*
 Losers: *Edge of Darkness*, *Claudius, Penules from Heaven*, *The Forsyte Saga*, *Six Wives of Henry VIII*
- Favourite comedy series**
 Winner: *Victoria Wood As Seen on TV*
 Losers: *Monty Python*, *Not The Nine O'Clock News*, *That Was The Week That Was*
- Favourite actress**
 Winner: Patricia Routledge
 Losers: Judi Dench, Thora Birch, Glenda Jackson, Juliet Stevenson
- Favourite situation comedy**
 Winner: *Men Behaving Badly*
 Losers: *Dad's Army*, *Fawlty Towers*, *Only Fools and Horses*, *Steptoe and Son*, *Till Death Us Do Part*, *Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads?*, *Yes Minister*
- Favourite presenter**
 Winner: Desmond Lynam
 Losers: David Attenborough, Robin Day, Richard Dimbleby
- Favourite popular drama**
 Winner: *Casualty*
 Losers: *Casualty*, *Goldfinger*, *EastEnders*, *The Onedin Line*, *When the Boat Comes In*, *Z Cars*
- Favourite light entertainment performer**
 Winner: *Morecambe and Wise*
 Losers: *Dave Allen*, *The Two Ronnies*, *Les Dawson*

Deaths bring calls for new firework safety rules

Stuart Miller

DEMANDS for a tightening of firework safety rules intensified yesterday after a second man was killed when one exploded in his face.

Experts said the grenade-shaped Chinese firework was extremely dangerous and not

on general sale. The size of a man's fist, it was meant to be fired from a mortar tube, but the only instructions were in Chinese.

forward as he was supervising the school's annual display on Friday, and took the full impact of an 8lb mortar-style firework in his face. A retired vicar and chemistry teacher who supplied some of the fireworks will be questioned today by Health and Safety Executive investigators.

manded the introduction of tough restrictions on the sale of more powerful fireworks, and a training scheme for display organisers.



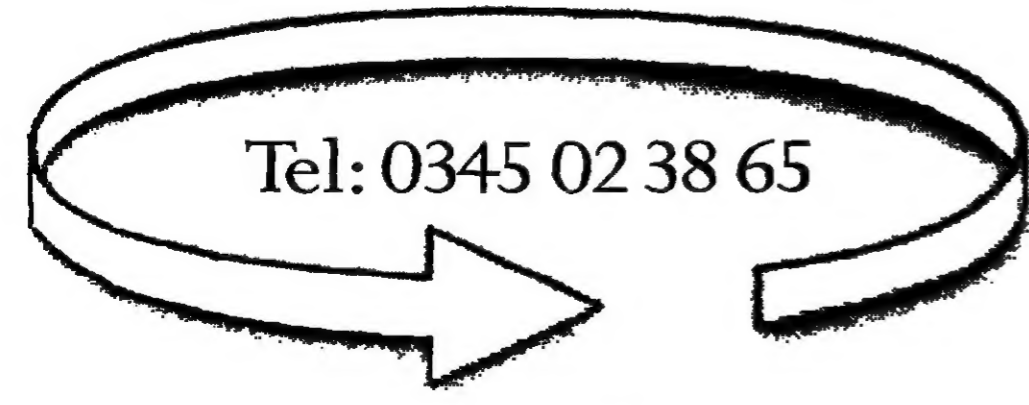
Killed... Primary school head David Hattersley



partment of Trade and Industry said the Government had recently started a review of firework regulations. A consultation document has been issued examining issues of licensing and banning some fireworks, and proposals are expected to be drawn up within months.

After the service, Mrs Hattersley said her husband would be "remembered with a great deal of love and admiration and a profound sense of loss".

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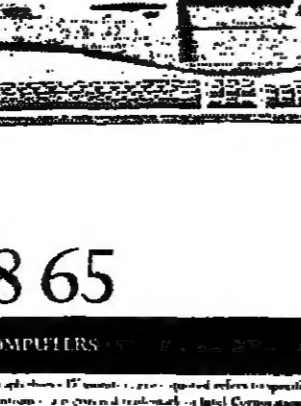


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'Pro-lifers' may contest seats

Michael White Political Editor

FRESH element of uncertainty was injected into the coming general election campaign when it emerged that pro-life campaigners are threatening to run "Family Life Campaign" candidates against leading MPs whom they regard as "pro-abortion".

kind of danger long faced by targets of single-issue campaigning in the United States. A second such campaign is unlikely to garner many votes, let alone seats, as past interventions — usually in by-elections — underline. But it could affect the outcome in highly marginal seats.

The Labour frontbencher Jeff Rooker wrote to John Major warning him that a general election held on May 1 would triple the number of spoiled ballot papers, as it did in 1979 when the election was last held on the same day as local elections.

Virginia Bottomley, Mo Mowlam, Edwina Currie, Teresa Cosman and Dawn Primarolo, who will all be offered by such a description. Like most MPs they regard themselves as "pro-choice".

Former Tory treasurer backs state aid for political parties

Michael White

SENIOR Tories last night shrugged off the declaration by their former party treasurer, Lord Beaverbrook, that state funding of political parties should replace the present system of large and often anonymous donations, some of them from foreign or allegedly corrupt sources.

party's politics for very long and subsequently went bankrupt with more than \$5 million of debts. "It's an easy soundbite for him to make," said one.

But his testimony cannot wholly be discounted. "I think there's never smoke without fire so probably in the past there have been problems and I don't think that those problems want to repeat themselves," Lord Beaverbrook told the programme — an implicit admission that donations such as that from fugitive tycoon Asif Nadir in the 80s backfired.

Labour's campaign spokesman Brian Wilson seized on Lord Beaverbrook's remarks, saying the Tories must recognise "the game is up as far as anonymous donations from dodgy sources is concerned".

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Lottery funds bring £21m tower of art to Walsall

David Ward

WALSALL, famous for writer Jerome K. Jerome, wheelbarrows and saddles patronised by many a royal bottom, is about to acquire a 100ft tower worthy of an Italian Renaissance potentate.

The tower of the Palazzo Vecchio in Florence may be a couple of hundred feet taller, but it overlooks only the empty spaces of the Piazza della Signoria. Walsall's tower, snuggled between Woolworth's and British Home Stores, will offer views over the canal and the M5 to Bilston and beyond.

It will house an art gallery; not some token municipal nod towards the visual arts but a £21 million beacon of excellence which will show what small-town Britain can do when it puts in the right kind of lottery application. The gallery has just won £15.75 million of lucky num-



An Epstein bust among items of the Garman Ryan collection waiting in storage for the new gallery PHOTOGRAPH: DON MCPHEE

ber money and opens in summer 1999.

Cultural pilgrims will be welcome, but the tower will belong to the 240,000 residents of the West Midlands town, 60 per cent of whom pledged their support in a constitutional exercise. When a local

TV crew in search of controversy accosted local citizens, an ageing gent in traditional Midlands cap replied: "This art gallery? It's bloody great."

The interior of the tower, with an irregular arrangement of rooms and floor levels, is planned as a big

house, with many windows and much natural light. The domestic feel might surprise Lorenzo de Medici but it takes its cue in part from the Garman Ryan collection: 360 paintings, drawings and dozens of other big names. But its character is intimate

and personal, and the Epstein items, more than 40 of them, include drawings and busts of his children and a bronze of Frisky, his sheepdog.

The painter Sir Edwin Landseer (he of The Monarch of the Glen) is represented by a delicate study of wayside

plants. The items are meant to be arranged thematically (flowers, people, animals) rather than chronologically or art-historically.

Three quarters of the collection is now a one-room gallery above the town's library. The rest is stored in the town

hall, waiting for the tower's completion.

"The collection is interwoven with relationships and that makes it special," said Peter Jenkinson, head of Walsall Museums and Galleries. "Our priority is about engaging the people of Walsall. We are dealing with many agendas here: civic, political, cultural, educational."

The museums wanted to improve access to the arts and to engage people in many ways, not just as spectators.

"We want to make the gallery more alive and open to wider audiences. We emphasise interactivity, which means jigsaw puzzles as well as computer programs."

"With the new building we have unapologetically gone for something of world-class standard in design and the facilities it can offer."

Mr Jenkinson says the tower, the work of architects Peter St John and Adam Caruso, will help the gallery to continue its pioneering work with children. "We hang our pictures about 12in lower than usual because a quarter of our visitors are under 11."

The tower, which has cross-party support on the local council, will cost Walsall nothing except the value of the site. Some of the costs will be met from the profits of a pub to be built near the gallery. Lorenzo would approve of that.

School authorities seek review of media conduct

Close coverage of pupils 'may have led to breakdown of order'

John Carvel Education Editor

LOCAL education authority leaders will this week seek an urgent meeting with the Press Complaints Commission after allegations that the recent intense media coverage of disciplinary problems at schools had encouraged bad behaviour and may have put children at risk.

The Association of Metropolitan Authorities was told at its annual education conference in Salford over the weekend that journalists had paid children up to £150 to perform for the cameras at the Ridings school in Halifax, exacerbating disorder which led to its closure.

Mike Higgins, chairman of Calderdale education authority, said photographers used a crane outside the school as a vantage point to train their zoom cameras inside the classrooms, contributing to a breakdown of discipline. Councillors complained that the media named pupils who were excluded from school for misbehaviour, but were legally obliged to protect their anonymity if they committed offences serious enough for juvenile court appearances.

The 10-year-old whose alleged misconduct was blamed for the closure of Manton Junior School near Worksop, Nottinghamshire, was named and pictured in spite of being found innocent by an exhibition appeals panel.

The conference passed an

emergency resolution asking the Press Complaints Commission to develop a professional code of conduct for journalists to:

- protect the privacy of individual children;
- prevent offensive and intrusive press behaviour in relation to schools;
- promote responsible behaviour in reporting of issues concerning children.

Councillors were concerned that children could endanger themselves by making comments to journalists — for example criticising bullies who might exact retribution — without being mature enough to realise the consequences.

Graham Lane, the association's chairman of education, asked Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, to approve a decision by Calderdale education authority to take over national agreement of the Ridings school and withdraw the delegated

powers given to its governors.

Mrs Shephard is studying a report on the Ridings after an emergency inspection last week found serious problems of disorder. The Government is expected to announce its decision on Wednesday.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, last night called on Mrs Shephard to intervene to secure the reopening of Manton school where his members are striking over the behaviour of a 10-year-old.

She should instruct Nottinghamshire education authority to offer the boy a place at another school. If his mother refused it, the authority should challenge her right of choice in court, he said.

The school closed on Thursday after governors withdrew funding for the boy's personal tuition, which would have cost £14,000 in a full year.

Bottomley wins gobbledygook prize

Sue Quinn

Tough talk

VIRGINIA Bottomley, in the exercise of her function as Minister of the Crown responsible for National Heritage, has attained a premier citation for her unsurpassed impartation of convoluted and impenetrable textual matter.

In other words, she has won this year's top gobbledygook prize for incomprehensible English.

The Plain English Commission, which campaigns for simplicity and clarity in the written and spoken word, has awarded Mrs Bottomley the Golden Rhubarb Trophy for the most "grotesque and baffling" official document of the year.

The commission yesterday

described the BBC's new royal charter and broadcasting agreement, drawn up mainly by Mrs Bottomley's department, as "a classic example of le-

galistic pedantry and fog". The document includes a sentence of 210 words and mind-boggling phrases such as "musis musandis, whereas on divers dates, sub-

ject as hereinafter provided, the aggregate of moneys, formulation of the objectives, the power hereinbefore contained, deemed to vitiate any proceedings and anyise notwithstanding".

"The should be made to stog it at the next party conference," said commission director Martin Cutts.

The Silver Rhubarb Trophy was awarded to Sir Richard Scott, the judge who delivered this year's 1,800-word report on the arms-to-Iraq inquiry.

"Sir Richard has buried his findings beneath a mountain of verbiage and ambiguity," Mr Cutts said.

"This document cost taxpayers £5 million to prepare. Yet it lacks a summary of its main conclusions, forcing people to read everything to find out nothing."

MP sees head of steam for caning vote after poll backing

CONSERVATIVE backbenchers campaigning for a free-Commons vote on the restoration of corporal punishment in schools were encouraged yesterday by four opinion polls suggesting they had the support of a two-thirds majority among the public, writes John Carvel.

James Pawsey, chairman of

the Tory backbench education committee, said the head of steam building up behind the campaign would force the Prime Minister to reconsider his opposition to caning.

Last week Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said corporal punishment could be a useful deterrent and Michael

Howard, the Home Secretary, said it could be useful in extremes to instil discipline into children.

Mr Pawsey is one of several Conservative backbenchers planning amendments to the Education Bill to allow schools to include corporal punishment in home-school contracts.

Polls by Mori for the Mail on Sunday, NOP for the Express on Sunday and Gallup for the Sunday Telegraph showed about two in three people supporting a return to caning.

A telephone poll of 506 parents carried out by the People showed 67 per cent in favour.

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News in brief

Pentagon studies missile incident

THE Pentagon was investigating yesterday why a United States air force F-16 fired at an Iraqi anti-aircraft missile battery in southern Iraq on Saturday. The F-16 pilot, thinking his plane had been targeted by Iraqi radar, launched a single missile at the mobile surface-to-air missile battery before returning safely to his base in Saudi Arabia.

Rebels join Cambodia army

CEREMONIES are being planned for Wednesday to formally induct troops loyal to the former Pol Pot associate Ieng Sary into the Cambodian army. But the deal struck over the weekend appears to be causing deepening rifts in the government.

Test fuels quake fear

AN IRISH-LED scientific research project which involves detonating 20 tonnes of TNT on the seabed of northern Portugal has spread panic in a country haunted by the memory of the 1755 Lisbon earthquake, in which 40,000 people died.



Romanian soldiers line up for their ballot papers at a military barracks in Bucharest yesterday as they vote in presidential and parliamentary elections

Old order resists pressure

Julian Borger in Belgrade

YUGOSLAVIA, Romania and Bulgaria went to the polls yesterday to pass judgment on regimes run by some of Europe's most tenacious former communists, but the prospect of fundamental reform in this impoverished and volatile corner looked far from certain.

was favoured to win the presidency, but the post has no real power. For the next few months at least the parliament and government are likely to remain in the hands of the Bulgarian Socialist Party (BSP), one of the most conservative bodies of former communists in the region.

Ex-communists have made a virtue of their longevity in power

former communists have made a virtue of their longevity in power, portraying themselves as guardians of stability. President Milosevic's SPS has emphasised his role in last year's Bosnian peace accord, which ended four years of armed conflict in the Balkans.

In the rough and tumble of the Balkan hustings, nothing is too personal for the scorned wife of a political leader

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In a slanging match which produced insults of a complexity and viciousness unwarlike in recent European political history, Mirjana "Mira" Markovic (married to the Serbian president Slobodan Milosevic) and Danica "Dana" Draskovic (whose husband is one of the opposition leaders) went for each other's jugulars in the pages of the Belgrade press.



Dana: 'Habits of a bandit'



Mira: 'Bastard fruit of orgy'

FORGET the debate about national identity and the economy; the most bitter duel in Yugoslavia's election campaign was fought on the issues of mental stability, fertility and personal hygiene, by the Balkans' two most outspoken political wives, writes Julian Borger.

Dana: "An under-achieving woman with the habits of a half-wild cattle rustler and bandit waiting to ambush travellers and rob them of their luggage and children."

communist party as a traitor, for reasons which remain unclear and executed a year later leaving the infant Mira to be raised by her uncle.

Tax splits Bonn coalition

Ian Traynor in Bonn

A NEW round of sparring over spending cuts, tax increases and the effort to qualify next year for the single European currency erupted in the German cabinet at the weekend.

parts, the opposition and the media over revelations of budget shortfalls, faces new figures suggesting fiscal disaster. The news magazine Der Spiegel reports that an estimate of tax revenues for next year, to be published this week, shows a shortfall of up to DM1 billion (\$4.7 billion).

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Arms accord breaks down

David Hearst in Moscow

NEGOTIATIONS for an anti-ballistic missile accord which Russia and the United States were supposed to sign on Thursday broke down at the weekend.

Embassies warn of unrest

Ian Traynor in Bonn

THE US and German embassies in Moscow have issued warnings to Americans and Germans in Russia of social and possible military unrest in the days after the planned surgery on President Boris Yeltsin.

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councils" have been formed in the garrison towns of Novgorod, Voronezh, Ryazan and Tula and in Moscow.

Spain honours anti-fascists

COMMEMORATING their good fight, 870 members of the international brigades which fought General Franco's fascists in the Spanish civil war will become honorary Spanish citizens this week.

Whales rescue ensnared calf

TWO whales charged at a shark net and ripped it apart to rescue their calf who was entangled in it, a surfer on South Africa's east coast said.

US credit rating slips

THE failure of the United States to pay the \$1.5 billion (\$1 billion) it owes the United Nations has seriously hampered the Clinton administration's efforts to make international peacekeeping operations better able to defuse regional conflicts such as those in Bosnia and parts of Africa, a draft state department study says.

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President	Year	Average annual GDP growth rate, %
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Kennedy	1961-1963	5.2
Johnson	1963-1969	4.1
Nixon-Ford	1969-1974	6.2
Carter	1977-1981	2.5
Reagan	1981-1989	3.3
Bush	1989-1993	4.1
Clinton	1993-1995	3.2



ELECTION BATTLEGROUND/Across the pond, the monetarists have been rumbled

Straws in the wind for radical change

shopping malls, where America leads, Britain follows. The lack of historical baggage means it is a society in a constant state of flux.

Both main parties in Britain recognise this influence. Labour was jubilant when Bill Clinton won in 1992, the first Democratic presidential victory in 16 years seemingly pointing the way to a new pragmatic form of left-of-centre politics. Similarly, the 1994 Republican landslide was lauded by the free-market right as a sign that the West was turning its back on Big Government.

Since his nadir in 1994, Mr Clinton has bounced back. The fear that the Republicans aim to slash Medicare and Medicaid, and Newt Gingrich's decision last year to close down the government have turned the Clinton presidency around. He now looks the epitome of centrist moderation set against the wild men of the right.

But the anger and bewilderment that two years ago brought Mr Gingrich to prominence have not disappeared. Many Americans are working harder simply to maintain living standards. Between 1973 and 1992, for the bottom 80 per cent, the wages of full-time male workers fell. Only the top 20 per cent saw their real incomes rise, while the bottom 40 per cent saw their pay in real terms slump by more than 50 per cent. Household incomes fell by

far less, because more women were entering the workforce and their real incomes were rising. However, since 1992, for all but an elite, real incomes of women have been falling as well. The conversion of well-paid jobs into lower-paid employment is typified by median earnings of middle-aged men, down a third over the past quarter of a century.

An added complication is that future trends in social security spending do not look good. The cost of health care and pensions is set to rise inexorably, putting renewed pressure on the budget.

One way of responding to this combustible mixture is to rely on the American "can-do" spirit. To a large extent, this is what Clinton has done, although his *laissez-faire* approach has been adorned with a call for investment in human capital and the desire to harness the power of the information super-highway.

It could be argued that this is about as much as could be expected. As Harold Meyerson put it in the latest edition of the American magazine, *Dissent*: "They [the Democrats] weren't born for an age like this; they are (or were) the party of government at a moment when government everywhere is in retreat."

But there are already signs that more radical solutions are being sought. Unless living standards for the bulk of Americans rise, the even



more centrist Al Gore may be under pressure from both left and right when he seeks to become president in 2000.

Even over the past 10 years, Milton Friedman and the rest of the Chicago school of monetarists have not been having it all their own way. Over the next 10 years the debate is likely to intensify in at least three areas. The first is whether the US can continue

to spend almost \$300 billion (£180 billion) a year — at least six times what Russia or China is spending — on defence now the Cold War is over. The short answer, particularly given rising welfare bills, is that it can't.

Second, there will be an attempt to make the tax system more progressive. Trickle-down — the big idea of supply-siders in the 1980s — has failed. Cutting taxes on rich individuals and companies has not boosted growth by encouraging savings and investment. In 1980, the top marginal rate of tax was 70 per cent and the US savings rate was 8.2 per cent. According to the holy writ of the supply-siders, the cut to 31 per cent

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Action man rolls back the right

Worldview
Edward Balls

BILL Clinton looks set to be re-elected in tomorrow's US presidential election. He deserves to be re-elected, too.

No left-of-centre progressive could fail to have misgivings about some of the compromises Mr Clinton has been forced to make in his battle against a rabidly right-wing Republican Congress. But his humiliation of Bob Dole's attempt to revive the free-market "trickle-down" rhetoric of the Reagan-Bush 1980s marks an important economic victory for the left.

The Democrats are going to the polls with an impressive economic performance to boast about. US economic growth has been strong — faster than in the Bush or Reagan years. Investment growth has been rapid; 10.5 million jobs have been created since 1992.

America's economic performance stands in marked contrast to the stagnation of con-

tinental Europe and Britain's anemic, investment-starved upturn. But can the Clinton administration claim credit?

The answer is an emphatic Yes, on a number of counts.

Mr Clinton's achievement has been to bury Reaganomics. The free-market ideology of the 1980s was based on a number of flawed ideas: that the free market knows best, low inflation is the only necessary precondition for sustained growth, the best role for government is no role.

But the biggest error was the notion that cutting income taxes would, by itself, stimulate growth and reduce the budget deficit. The results were different: a persistently high budget deficit and higher long-term interest rates which stunted investment across the world and sucked investment funds away from developing countries to the world's richest nation.

The first important step the Clinton administration had to take in 1992 was to put a end to the fiscal profligacy of the 1980s. Bringing the federal budget deficit under control was necessary if investment was to grow. This Mr Clinton has achieved. But a credible

Fiery tales and fantasy coups in the palaces of the lords of misrule

Worm's eye
Dan Atkinson

STRANGE, mad celebrations are due tomorrow, and we are not talking about the presidential election. Bonfire night comes but once a year, although the debate concerning those most deserving of a place on top rumbles around the calendar.

By now, surely, the water and power chiefs have been consigned to the flames, along with the bond gurus of the City and Wall Street, the chairmen of all the big banks and the EU fisheries commissioner.

Who next? Well, maybe we do not need anybody. Perhaps burning people is the easy option. On this being a fantasy tale, it may be more constructive to ask oneself the simple questions: What have I done for Bonfire today? What have I done to ensure that Britain does not become the enterprise centre of Europe? Have I made a point of being uncompetitive, or have I spent November 1 in an entrepreneurial daze?

Bonfire should be a celebration of uncompetitiveness. Inflation-busting plans ought to be struck, unit-labour costs should soar above the European average. Ask this: Have I been as uncompetitive as possible? No? Pathetic.

fiscal policy not only reduced long-term interest rates. It also allowed monetary policy, under Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan, to be much more growth and employment-oriented than would otherwise have been possible.

This sound macro-economic framework is part of the explanation for Mr Clinton's economic success. While Mr Reagan was the right 1980s populist, that ground has shifted in a much more protectionist and xenophobic direction — anti-immigrant, anti-free trade and ignorant of the needs of developing countries. But the Clinton administration has stood up to Perot- and Buchanan-style protectionism.

Most important, Mr Clinton has realised that the opportunities globalisation and open markets bring require an active government which equips people and companies for the future. There are almost half a million Americans in school-to-work apprenticeships. More than 15 million Americans receive the Earned Income Tax Credit which boosts take-home pay from low-wage jobs. The administration has raised the

federal minimum wage to ensure that this tax credit goes to low-income workers, not unscrupulous employers.

No one in the Clinton administration can deny that these measures are only a start. Levels of savings and investment remain, as in Britain, much too low. The US education system still falls millions. Employment policy has not begun to address the problems of the young, unskilled unemployed in inner cities and the social disaster this is bringing. Mr Clinton's decision to sign the Republican welfare bill, removing the federal safety net for single parents without providing new opportunities, was a setback to the progressive cause.

But the US political system is based on unhappiness, often debilitating compromise. For that, Mr Clinton cannot be blamed. By challenging the orthodoxies of the 1980s, taking tough economic decisions in the first part of his term and asserting the case for active government, he has done the progressive cause good service. And more so if he wins.

The author is economic adviser to the shadow chancellor.

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JOHN EDWARDS, the Rose-On-Wye trainer, ends his 29-year career in a fortnight's time. Edwards, who took out a licence in 1967, had his most successful season in the 1980s...

Newcastle (N.H.) with form guide

- 1.45 Larkspur. 2.15 Bell Broomfield. 2.45 Shanavogh (nb). 3.15 APP Appeal. 3.45 Tom Bewley. 4.15 Thunderbolt.

Southwell (All-weather) runners and riders

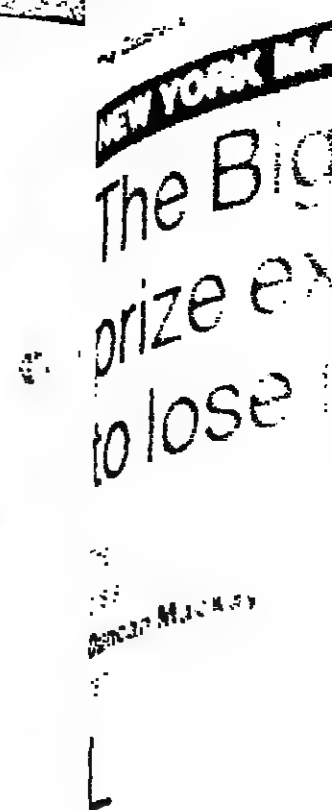
- 12.45 People Direct. 1.15 Chubby Cheery. 1.45 Stuffed. 2.15 Sheepdog In White. 2.45 Belvoir. 3.15 Norman Theagen. 3.45 Swiftly Over. 3.15 ALEX LAWRENCE HANDICAP (10) OF 12.

Plumpton National Hunt card

- 1.30 Belle Barrow. 1.55 Ashwell. 2.30 ZAMBEZI SPIRIT (nb). 3.05 Gloriana. 3.35 James The First. 4.05 Foxglove Flyer.

Zambezi looks in fine spirit

ZAMBEZI SPIRIT (2.35) was an impressive winner around the tricky Plumpton circuit two weeks ago and is napped to follow up in today's Jolly Tanners Handicap at the Sussex track...



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NEW YORK MARATHON

The Big Apple's prize exhibit begins to lose its bloom

The world's original big city road race is in crisis two decades after it was first run. Duncan Mackay traces its decline from its high point of the early Eighties

LAST Tuesday more than three million packed Broadway to give the New York Yankees a ticker-tape welcome after their first World Series win in 18 years...

'Americans are seldom in major races; they're all running lower level ones to make money'

No American since Salazar in 1982 has come close to winning the race, it is three years since New York was able to command a live, coast-to-coast television deal...

New York in the American public consciousness. The race was taken to the masses when it became a city-wide event and spurred copy-cat races all over the world.

But for all its problems, New York still has an overwhelming appeal for thousands of joggers and fun runners from all around the world.

Although Lebow died of cancer two years ago, Allan Steinfeld, his chosen successor as race director, has remained steadfastly bullish about the event's standing.

Grete Waitz of Norway is a case in point. She was on the verge of retiring in 1978 until Lebow persuaded her to run in New York.

Waitz remains hugely popular with New Yorkers when she returns to the city each autumn in the role of celebrity and commentator.

By the time of her last victory, Waitz was practically an honorary American. It seems now that, if the New York City marathon is to survive and prosper for another 20 years, it is in desperate need of a real American hero.

The only figure from the marathon to have a memorial in Central Park. His successors in the race organisation realise that only the continued success of the event would serve as a real tribute to his memory.

Policeman wins for Italy



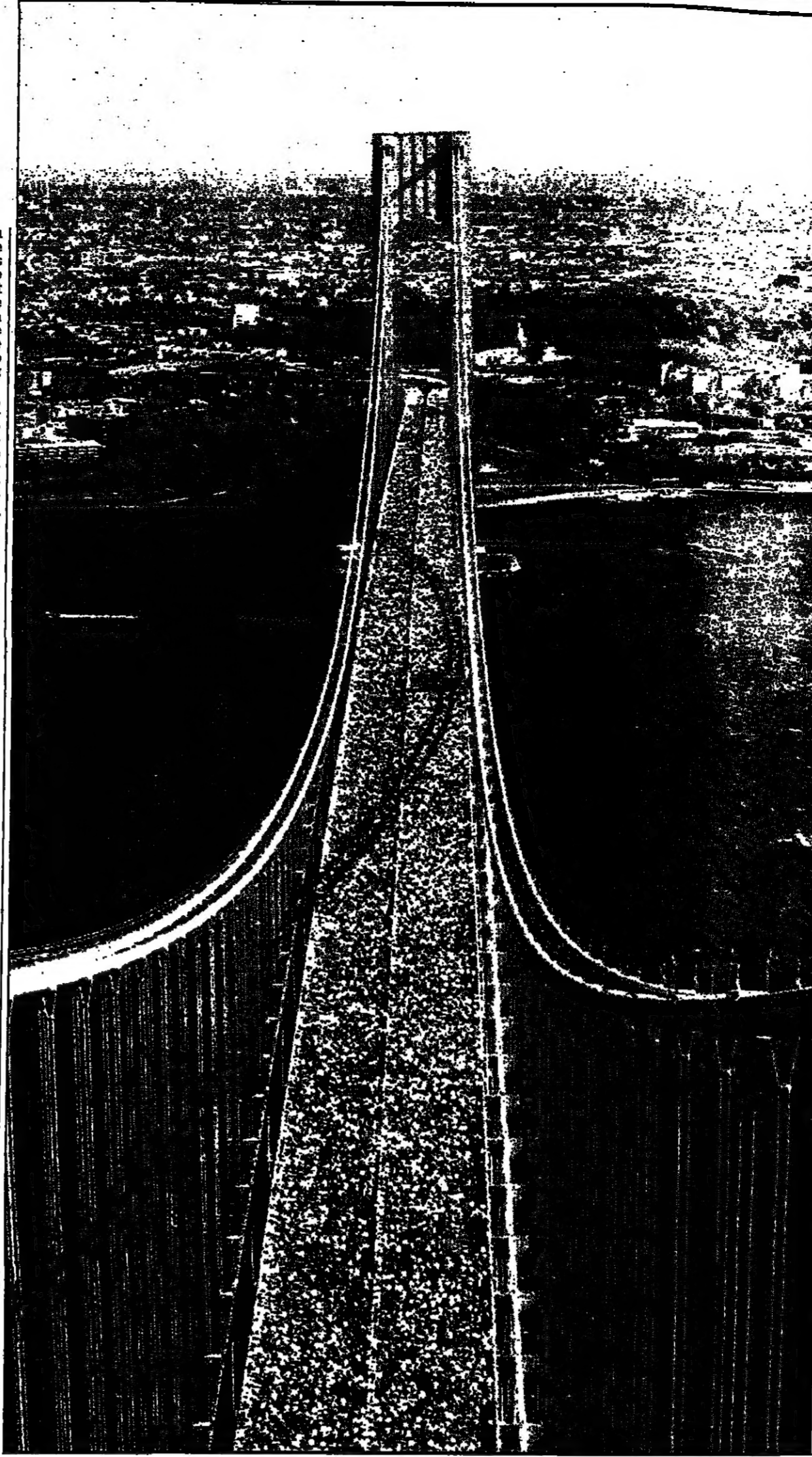
Winning salute... Leone holds his arms aloft

GIACOMO LEONE, an Italian policeman running only his fourth marathon, ran clear of the field late in the race to win the New York City event yesterday.

Leone was timed at 2hr 51min 54sec with Turbo Tumo of Finland second

and the Kenyan Joseph Kipkoech won third. Kenyans also finished fourth and sixth. Aneta Catuna of Romania was a surprise women's winner in 2:28.17 as the defending champion, Tegla Loroupe of Kenya, faded after leading early on and finished seventh.

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Mass movement... the runners in the 21st New York City Marathon crowd across the Verrazano Bridge yesterday

Golf

Langer sweeps to novel victory

Michael Britten in Hong Kong

BERNHARD LANGER achieved his first victory for 14 months when he overcame a strong challenge from South Korea's Kang Wook-soon to capture the Alfred Dunhill Masters here yesterday.

The German won by two strokes after a closing round of 65 at Fanning for a 17-under-par total of 267, with Kang (66) finishing a stroke ahead of the Australian Scott Laycock.

South Africa's Ernie Els (68) was joint sixth at 10 under. Seve Ballesteros took 23rd place (73) and Colin Montgomerie finished in 38th after incurring three penalty shots at the 4th on his way to a 74.

Langer's first success since the European Open in Dublin during September 1995 was his first with the broom-handle putter he first used publicly in Paris eight weeks ago.

He amassed 25 birdies and an eagle on the greens where he won the 1991 Hong Kong Open and, had he not made a mess of the short 15th in both the third and fourth rounds, his victory would have been even more comprehensive.

Langer took six at the 190-yard par three on Saturday and yesterday, with three strokes in hand, took a double-bogey five again.

On both occasions he found poor lies when missing the green and was unable to reach it with recovery chips from the clinging cow-grass. But Langer retaliated by holing from just off the next green for a ninth birdie whereas the South Korean found sand and was unable to make a par four.

Despite a near miss at the 17th and a brave long-range effort at the last, Kang had to settle for the \$33,000 second prize which ensures he will top the Asian PGA order of merit.

"My future could be linked to the long putter," said Langer. "It is only the fourth time I have used it but it is so different that it is good for me. I don't feel the slightest embarrassment about using it. You don't get paid for looking good or being stylish."

England's Laura Davies missed a three-foot putt at the third extra play-off hole to lose out to the host country's Mayumi Hirase in the Toray Queens Cup in Inashiki, Japan, yesterday.

Davies, who started the final round four shots behind the joint-leader Hirase, had eagled the par-five 18th for a 66 while the Japanese birdied it for a 72.

Hockey

Hightown brought low

Patrick Rowley

HIGHTOWN, the Women's National League champions who represent England in Europe next year, not only suffered an unexpected reverse at Doncaster but crashed to their heaviest defeat, an 8-2 hiding by their northern rivals.

Doncaster had previously lost every league match against Hightown but their captain Karen O'Neill said: "We knew we could beat them after eliminating them from the cup last winter but 8-2! Just everything went right for us in the second half."

Doncaster, who had managed only three goals all season, did not get ahead until early in the second period, then scored six times in the last 20 minutes. Claire Ferguson got four of the goals in-

cluding her side's last three in three minutes.

Hightown's second defeat of the season sees them drop into the bottom half of the table, six points adrift of the leaders Slough, who handed Sutton their heaviest defeat. Slough won 6-1 with the England internationals Jane Smith (2), Julia Robertson, Karen Brown and Mandy Nicholls all scoring after a Jane Sixsmith equaliser.

The top three clubs in the men's National League all led 3-1 but only the champions Cannock won, just holding on to defeat Teddington 4-3. They take over top spot on goal difference from Old Loughtonians, who were held to a 3-3 draw at home by East Cringstead, and they are a point ahead of Reading who went down 5-3 at Guildford.

Without their Olympic centre-half Kalbir Takhar, Cannock were relieved to win after an untidy game. They presented Teddington's Philip McGuire with the game's first goal and wasted one of two penalties. A brilliant reverse-stick sweep shot by the Olympic winger Chris Mayer gave them the lead for the first time in the 43rd minute and they kept it until a 2-1 lead only to falter and allow McGuire to complete his hat-trick.

Loughtonians had victory snatched from them when Peter Bell scored at a 68th-minute corner. The Olympic centre-forward Danny Hall was Guildford's hero and his six-minute hat-trick turned the game.

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Basketball

Little guys take big tonking in a scarcely National Cup

Robert Pryce

IT took just one round of the Sainsbury's National Cup to erase all traces of National League interest. The three teams that survived the English Basketball Association competitions sub-committee's axe in May all perished at the hand of Sudwaiser League clubs.

Having eliminated 22 National League clubs, it left the survivors incapable of competing by changing the cup's rules on foreign-player eligibility to accord with the Bud League's. Thus this year, for the first time since Oxford University's Rhodes Scholars dominated the competition in the late Sixties, teams may use up to five foreigners.

"It's nice to get a chance to play against the big boys," said Coventry Crusaders' coach and co-owner Rob Bromfield. "but you're out-gunned before you start."

Coventry, thrown to the Sheffield Sharks, actually did best of the National League representatives on Saturday. They lost by only 30 points, 86-56, after looking in desperate trouble at 27-11 down to a team that never lets up.

Their fellow National Leaguers from Ware, the Rebels, looked in fine shape three minutes into the second half against Newcastle when the Eagles' centre Mike New was expelled, but they were immediately hit by a 22-8 burst and lost 102-70. Cardiff Phoenix led the holders, London Towers, by 20-18 before being burned to a crisp 95-56 defeat.

Birmingham, Manchester, Leicester and Thames Valley beat fellow Bud Leaguers to join Sheffield, Newcastle and London in the quarter-finals.

That offer was rejected, and professional rugby league in South Wales appeared to be dead. It is understood that Thomas would now like to see the First Division option revived, although Lindsay admitted that time might not be on the club's side.

South Wales, after playing in the Second Division last season, were given a

Snooker

Shokat prepares for more national service

Gilve Everton in Bangkok

THE Accrington-born Shokat Ali, ranked 76 in the world and Pakistan's No. 1, today holds the key to Group C on the final day of World Cup round-robin action.

The 25-year-old with a Lancashire accent, who also spent five childhood years in Mirpur, last year received an out-of-the-blue call from the Pakistan Billiards and Snooker Association asking if he would consider utilising his parental qualification to play internationally.

Having since visited Karachi and Islamabad for tourna-

ments and practice, he has won seven of his nine frames here as Pakistan stand second with 18 to England's 19.

The snag is that Pakistan's last group match is against England's Peter Ebdon, Nigel Bond and Ronnie O'Sullivan, all of whom are in the world's top eight.

Neither Mohammed Saleh, who has won seven, or Farhan Mirza, four, are push-overs in one-frame situations but, without a couple of frames from Shokat, it is unlikely that Pakistan will win the four that would guarantee them a place in the quarter-finals - unless Thailand beat United Arab Emirates 9-0 to

force a one-frame play-off between Shokat and Thailand's No. 1 James Wattana, who is still in the world's top 16.

Each frame Thailand drop to the UAE means one fewer Pakistan need to win.

The Republic of Ireland qualified for the quarter-finals by defeating Iceland 7-2. So will Northern Ireland provided they win four of today's nine frames against New Zealand, who have made a late run to get into contention.

Scotland, for whom John Higgins won three frames, Alan McManus two and Stephen Hendry one, defeated Canada 6-3. Both teams, defeated by the quarters.

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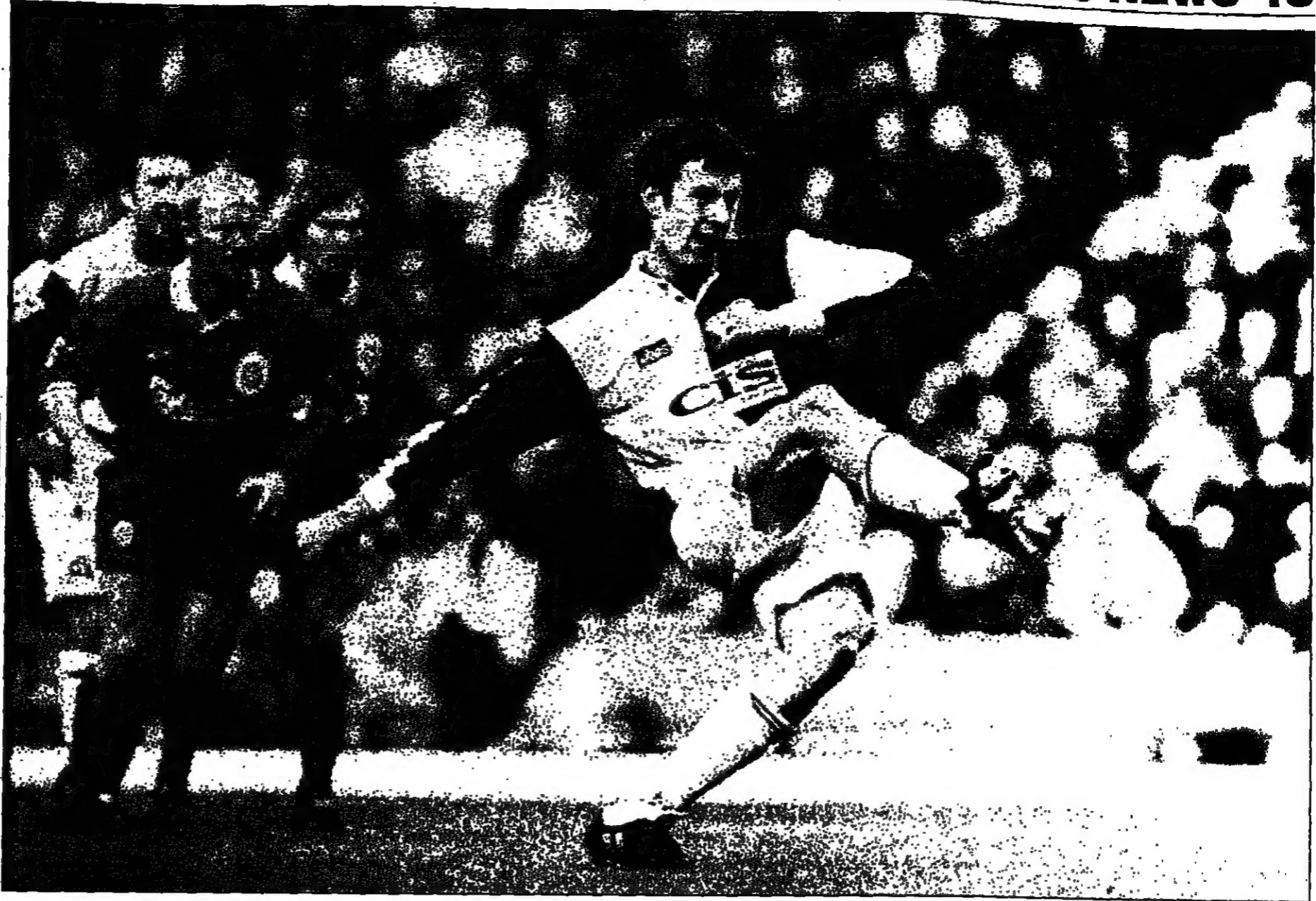
Premiership: Blackburn 3, Liverpool 0

Double for Sutton as Blackburn win at last

David Lacey

BLACKBURN appear at last to have found a life after Alan Shearer. They may still be bottom but on the evidence of yesterday's 3-0 victory their season is surely about to bottom out.

their formation by moving Thomas to right-back, so regularly did Wilcox and Le Saer expose them on the left in the opening half-hour.



Spot-on Sutton... the Blackburn Rovers striker puts his struggling side 1-0 up with an early penalty against Liverpool at Ewood Park yesterday

PHOTOGRAPH: CLIVE MASON

McManaman his usual glimpse of the Blackburn goal. But Hendry remained resolute and immovable, and a third Blackburn goal early in the second half virtually ended the contest.

Though Rovers took the lead from the penalty spot the move which led to Babb fouling Sutton set the pattern of the afternoon. Brisk passing by McKinlay and Sherwood

exposed Liverpool on the right and Sutton was about to move clear when Babb brought him down.

Sutton converted the penalty and nearly added a second goal in the 11th minute when he deflected McKinlay's 30-yard shot just wide with James wrong-footed.

Midway through the first half Fittcroft caught Babb in possession and quickly released Gallacher on the right. Gallacher's low centre was fast and true and Wilcox's volley at the far post increased Blackburn's lead.

Hendry would get there first. Liverpool promised something better at the start of the second half, with Redknapp and Barnes now looking to find McManaman or Fowler with long passes behind Blackburn defenders.

Tottenham Hotspur 1, West Ham United 0

Francis ready to spring three foreigners

Martin Thorpe

AS Paul Gascoigne will discover, changing yourself takes time. There needs to be a lot of talking, a lot of forgiving and a lot of home truths.

linked with more players than Danil Beir. Negotiations are currently in an advanced state with three foreigners, revealed the Spurs manager, who refused to identify them but hoped they would all be signed by the time play resumes after the international break.

As proved by the fact that without these imminent foreigners, or the likes of Anderson, Sinton, Fox and Mabbutt, all injured, he has guided Spurs to eighth in the table and into the last 16 of the Coca-Cola Cup.

Aston Villa 2, Nottingham Forest 0

Clark in Collymore dilemma

Ian Ross

FOR a sport often and justifiably accused of being underplayed by the ethics of a Philistine regime, soccer has enjoyed a pleasing week of unlikely reconciliation.

clubs salivated at the prospect of his arrival. It has been the source of mirth at Everton that he chose Liverpool.

not won a Premiership game since they overran Coventry on the opening day and, with a takeover seemingly imminent, Clark is in deep waters.

there's nothing I can do about it," said Clark, his pallbearer eyes rolling in their sockets. "I admit I haven't been sleeping too well."



Clark... not sleeping well

Scottish round-up

Celtic hit top as Rangers' slip-ups start showing

RANGERS, like Manchester United, Milan, Auxerre and Ajax, have fallen prey to declining champions syndrome, a blight that seems to be crossing international borders at a heady rate.



On the up... Campbell leaves Dicks grounded. ROMAN HANSON

Sheffield Wednesday 1, Southampton 1

Le Tissier first among more equals

David Hopps

EVERYBODY knows that Southampton are supposed to consist of Matt Le Tissier and 10 underlings who defer to his greatness, do much of his work and generally scurry around to limited purpose while he plans his extraordinary feat.

Manchester United now looks so commonplace that even Bob Dole would be in with a shout. Southampton are supposed to consist of Matt Le Tissier and 10 underlings who defer to his greatness, do much of his work and generally scurry around to limited purpose while he plans his extraordinary feat.

shot. Berkovic, whose flawless, angled cross had set up the opening, responded to that with an impromptu coaching lesson which left Le Tissier nodding complacently.

Woods, again on the ground where his England career had dwindled away, was beaten by Newsome's close-in header after only 15 minutes but resisted splendidly thereafter.

Gold finger points to trouble already for Francis

TERROR FRANCIS'S brief reign at St Andrews appears threatened already after Birmingham City's owner David Gold criticised the team's poor start under their new manager.

the moment we are going nowhere." Birmingham were expected to challenge for promotion after Francis bought Premiership players such as Steve Bruce (Manchester United), the Everton pair of Barry Horne and Gary Ablett, and Paul Furlong (Chelsea).

training by pneumonia. He then broke his right leg and cracked a bone in his left knee after a challenge by Liverpool's Neil Redmond in a reserve game.

Leeds United 3, Sunderland 0

Fortune smiles on Graham again as Leeds ride their luck

Michael Walker

GEORGE GRAHAM is a lucky man: lucky to be back in the game at such a club and lucky to have such patient supporters and directors. They might have ousted other managers whose side had lost six of their previous seven league games, but not Graham. And on Saturday luck was with him again.

but two minutes later Rod Wallace crossed and Mark Ford scored for Leeds.

winning in finding an explanation for Leeds's improvement as Ian Rush was on the right side of midfield.

Ferez, Deane created the second goal for Sharpe and then worried the goalkeeper enough to score himself.

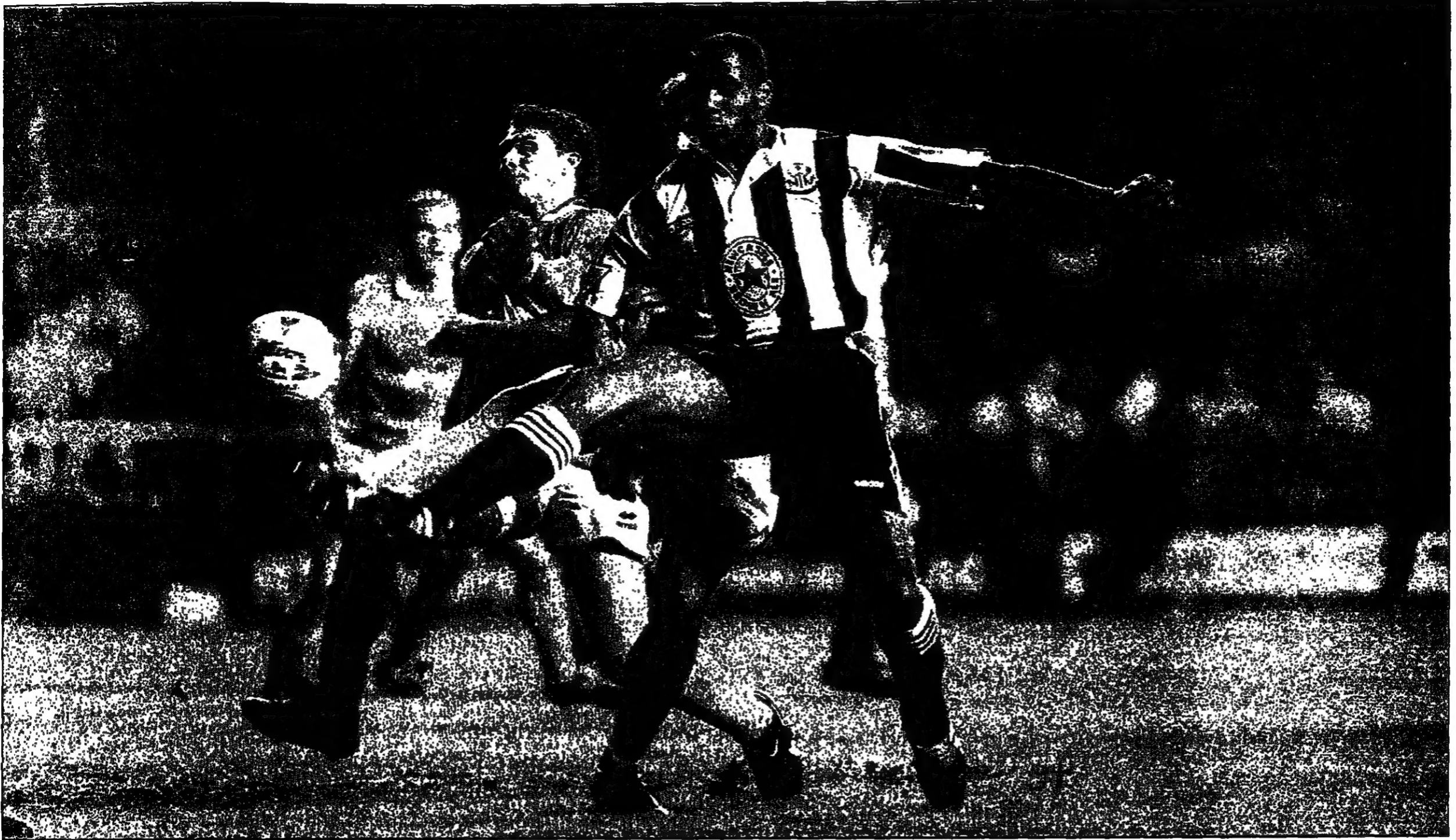
Rangers seemed to have undone the early damage sustained by Twaddle's goal at Raith when counters from Van Vossen and McCoist gave them the lead after the interval. But their general sluggishness — they were without Landrup — led to Thomson's equaliser.

Five pages of sport

Racing Oscar Schindler tops the Cup list in Australia 12

Golf Langer fights back for his first victory of the year 13

SportExtra



Going for goal... the Newcastle striker Les Ferdinand makes a determined effort to get to the ball as the Middlesbrough defender Derek Whyte closes in during the home side's 3-1 victory at St James' Park

PHOTOGRAPH: MICHAEL STEELE

Premiership: Newcastle United 3, Middlesbrough 1

Beardsley keeps Newcastle in trim

Michael Walker sees the little old master celebrate his 700th domestic game in style

ONLY Liverpool or Middlesbrough could have prevented Newcastle returning to the top of the Premiership yesterday. In the end neither could do the necessary, so Newcastle leap-frogged Arsenal to go top, a position they occupied a fortnight ago after that startling Manchester United game.

It was the goal of the game and provided some evidence for Bryan Robson's view that his side had contributed much of the passion to this

understandably deflated, at least managed a reply two minutes from time when their Danish international Mikkel Beck gave a glossy finish to Phil Stamp's typically earnest run, clipping the ball delicately over the advancing Srnicek.

It was the goal of the game and provided some evidence for Bryan Robson's view that his side had contributed much of the passion to this

contest and did not deserve to be on the wrong end of such a scolding. "I didn't think Newcastle cut us up at all," said the Middlesbrough manager. "We had a lot of possession and then we went to sleep. It was similar at Chelsea - we had a mad five minutes at the back."

Those shortcomings will have to be addressed by Robson if Middlesbrough are not to swirl into a downward spiral of Nottingham Forest proportions. Some might say they are already in one, hav-

ing come into this match without a League win since mid-September. The unusual quartet of Emerson, Juninho, Stamp and Mustoe gave them a grip in the torrid opening that saw a series of niggling confrontations. Robson rose from the bench to complain about a fifth-minute challenge by Batty on Emerson. Cox was booked for a reckless lunge at Elliott, who took a measure of revenge on Beck and also saw yellow. Batty, unsurprisingly, was booked too.

Newcastle were rattled, but Boro created only one clear

chance. Mustoe controlling Beck's well-judged pass only to send a panicky shot high over the bar. It was half an hour before Walsh needed to make a save, from a Beardsley's snap shot but the incident gave Newcastle impetus.

Four minutes before half-time Stamp, making his only mistake of the day, was robbed by Elliott. Beardsley stepped on the loose ball and via Asprilla it arrived at Ginola's feet. The Frenchman charged at Cox, who dived in, bringing Ginola down. Beardsley had missed a

penalty against Ferencvaros on Tuesday night but made no mistake this time with a shot straight down the middle. Middlesbrough supporters chanted "One-all to the referee" but Gary Willard's decision looked a correct one.

There was still time before the break for Gillespie to force a fine save from Walsh. Gillespie was again included in a Kevin Keegan line-up packed with forwards and, although the Irishman has plenty of defending to do in this three-at-the-back formation, he is clearly responding to the challenge.

After the interval Boro's hold slipped further and Ginola and Ferdinand both went close. There was still the odd squaring-up but none as unlikely as when Juninho headed for Albert. The diminutive Brazilian came off worse and was still protesting about it when Beardsley skipped past several red shirts to sidestep his second goal coolly into the bottom corner.

"You have to win the battle first and then let the football take over," as Beardsley said afterwards. His manager had little to say, his thoughts diverted by an unexpected transfer request from Lee Clark. The former England Under-21 midfielder, displaced by Batty, is valued at around £3 million.

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